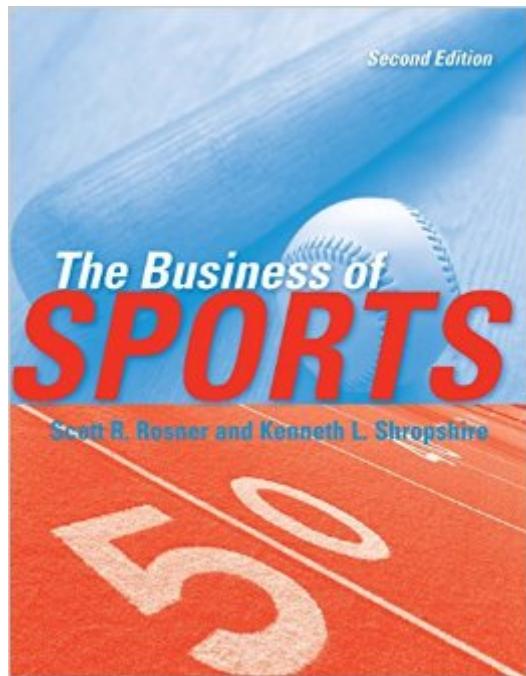


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business visibility) to pleasure. Foreign ownership is rising (eg. Russia's Mikhail Prokhorov - New Jersey Nets), especially in Europe. Corporations are also an important part of this third generation - Red Bull, Comcast, and Cablevision, using their sports holdings to improve their core businesses. Not all have been successful - eg. Disney failed to effectively capture media-related revenues, Time Warner overestimated its ability to charge national advertising rates for broad cable distribution of team broadcasts via TBS, News Corp found the Dodgers became lost within the larger entity and incurred substantial operating losses. Another problem - sports revenues are highly seasonal and do not fit well with quarterly earnings pressure.

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